Growth Centres in the North-Eastern region

550. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the Growth Centres of industries allotted to North-Eastern Region State-wise;

(b) the present progress of these centres for each State of this region;

(c) the amount of expenditure to be incurred on each centre; and

(d) whether there is a difference of sanction according to the conveniences of communication of the States?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (d) Under the growth Centre Scheme, 1988, 9 growth Centres have been allotted to the States in the North-Eastern Region as mentioned below:—

Name of the State/ growth centre	Status
ASSAM	
1. Chariduar	Approved in February, 1997 and Ist instalment of Central assistance of Rs. 50 lakhs released.
2. Matia	Approved in September, 1997 and Ist instalment of Central assistance of Rs. 50 lakhs released.
3. Sonapur	Detailed project report not yet submitted by the State Government. Proposal for change of location involved.
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	
4. Niklok Ngorlung	Approved in February, 1997 and Ist instalment of Central assistance of Rs. 50 lakhs released.
MANIPUR	
5. Lamlai-Napet	Project report not yet submitted by the State Government. Change of location involved.
MIZORAM	
6. Luangmual	Approved in March, 1997 and Ist instalment of Central assistance of Rs. 50 lakhs released.
MEGHALAYA	
7. Mendipathar	Approved in March, 1997 and Ist instalment of Central assistance of Rs. 50 lakhs released.
NAGALAND	
8. Ganeshnagar	Project Appraisal Committee has cleared the project in its meeting held on 17.11.97 for placing before the Apex Committee for final approval.
TRIPURA	
9. Bodhjung Nagar	Approved in September, 1997 and Ist instalment of Central assistance of Rs. 50 lakhs released.

2. Each of the approved growth centres under this Scheme is to be provided with Central assistance of Rs. 10 crore and the State Government are to provide the remaining amount of the total cost of the project.

Sickness in SSIs

551. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any scheme whereby sickness in small scale industries which is increasing gradually, can be taken care of at the preventive stage, rather than waiting for it to become completely sick and BIFR coming to their rescue after it has been completely sick;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if no such scheme is in operation, whether Government are thinking of devising such a scheme whereby marginally sick industries or such industries apprehending sickness, can take advantage of Government agency's assistance at that stage itself?